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Proposed Date of (AM/PM)	Interview: <u>Ju</u>	ne 30–July 3, July 9–11	Proposed Time:	11:00 AM- 3:0	00 PM
Type of Interview (1) [x] Telephonic	_	Personal (3) [ ] Vide	eo Conference		
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Issues (Rej., Obj., etc)	Claims/ Fig. #s	Prior Art	Discussed	Agreed	Not Agreed
(1) Rejection	14	Thomsen/Renda	[]	[]	[]
(2) Rejection	1	Thomsen/Renda	[]	[]	[]
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## **MEMORANDUM**

DATE: June 26, 2008

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FROM: Karl Rees; Tel. 408-414-1233; Fax 408-414-1076 SUBJECT: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/797,773 (Rayes, et al.)

Attorney Docket No. 50325-0865 3<sup>rd</sup> Office Action (Non-Final)

## **Proposed Agenda for Telephone Interview**

- I. Request clarification on rejection of Claim 14
  - a. The Office Action does not clearly allege:
    - i. What aspect of the references is a "malicious act"
    - ii. What aspect of the references teaches "determining whether a malicious act caused the security event"
    - iii. What aspect of the references teaches "if a malicious act caused the security event, then providing information . . . to a security decision controller."
    - iv. What aspect of the references teaches "if a malicious act did not cause the security event, then removing the user from the elevated risk group."
- II. Request clarification regarding suggestion / motivation to combine the references
- III. Proposed Amendments to Claim 1
  - a. Option 1: see ¶¶ [0042]–[0043]
- 1. (Previously presented) A method, comprising the computer-implemented steps of: in a security controller that is coupled, through a network, to a network device having a first network address assigned from a first subset of addresses within a first specified pool associated with normal network users:
  - determining a user identifier associated with the network device that has caused a security event in the network;
  - in response to the security event, causing the network device to acquire a new second network address that is selected from a second subset of addresses within a second specified pool associated with suspected malicious network users;
    - wherein causing the network device to acquire a new network address comprises causing the network device to request a new network address;
    - wherein the second subset of addresses is different from the first subset of addresses; and
  - configuring one or more security restrictions with respect to the new network address.

- b. Option 2: see ¶¶ [0003]–[0004]
- 1. (Previously presented) A method, comprising the computer-implemented steps of: in a security controller that is coupled, through a network, to a network device having a first network address assigned from a first subset of addresses within a first specified pool associated with normal network users:
  - determining a user identifier associated with the network device that has caused a security event in the network;
    - wherein the security event is an event that indicates at least one of: a possible denial of service attack, possible IP address spoofing, extraneous requests for network addresses, and possible MAC address spoofing;
  - in response to the security event, causing the network device to acquire a new network address that is selected from a second subset of addresses within a second specified pool associated with suspected malicious network users; wherein the second subset of addresses is different from the first subset of addresses; and
  - configuring one or more security restrictions with respect to the new network address.